

## Maunsel White to Andrew Jackson, March 22, 1826, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### MAUNSEL WHITE TO JACKSON.1

1 Like many other planters, Jackson became disgusted with his New Orleans factors and Feb. 3 wrote to Maunsel White asking if he would handle his cotton for him. White, whom Jackson knew in 1815, and considered very honest, replied on the 16th of the same month with assent, and the relationship, thus established, was satisfactory for many years.

New Orleans, March 22, 1826.

Genl. Andrew Jackson

*Dear Sir,* I Sincerely regret that in making my debut in selling your Crop the Market should be so bad but upon the whole I cannot help thinking I have obtained for yours the very top of the market, and many Gentlemen from Tennessee who have cotton now here for sale consider that I have obtained for you such a price taking into view the quality and bad market as you will be well satisfied with; which I do sincerely hope may prove to be the case. Genl. Plauché was the Broker who decided on the quality, and his classification was indeed such as you merited from his hands. there was 9 Bales rejected, the samples of which I send you by the present Occasion to shew you the necessity of your Overseers being more particular in picking and Cleaning your cotton, with it I send you a few samples of General coffees crop to shew your Overseer, and for him to take example by, in do[ing] which I beg you not to be offended with me as candour and your own Inderest demands I should do so. the best of your Crop was no way equal to coffees, and the only redeeming feature in yours was goodness of staple and Colour, for throout the whole crop there was

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a great deal of Broken leaf, and very carelessly packed in the Bales and by some means or other the cotton on the outside under the wrappers got wet and shewed in Incrustation of from One to two Inches deep which very much Injured the appearance. a little care, to prevent these objections would tend materially to improve your cotton and give it a better appearance.

I now inclose you the account sales of your Seventy one Bales Sixty-two sold at 12 Cents lb. and nine at 10 Cents. Nt proceeds \$3477 51/100 from which deduct the amount of your grocery Bill by the William Penn, \$498 33/100 the Balance \$2979 18/100 I have the pleasure of now inclosing you in United States notes, by Mr Anthony W. Johnson of Nashville, \$2975 in notes and he will pay you \$4 18/100 in Silver. Colo. Armstrong wrote to me saying he did not want the money, and I therefore send you the whole amot. Col. Winstons cotton is not sold, tis inferior, he is here I understand and I shall as you direct, Settle with him for it,

I am D sir very respectfully